

REMARKS

Claims 19, 39, 40, 45-48, and 53 are pending. Claims 39, 46, and 48 have been amended to correct a typographical error regarding the word “Pooideae.” Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application as originally filed.

Claim 46 has been further amended to provide appropriate method steps. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application as originally filed, for example, paragraphs 182-186.

The foregoing amendments and cancellation of claims have been made solely to expedite prosecution and in no way should be viewed as acquiescence to any rejection. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or subsequent applications. No new matter has been added.

In light of the enclosed arguments, Applicants believe that all of the pending product claims are in condition for allowance and, therefore, request that withdrawn method claims 39, 40, 46, and 47 (which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the product claims) also be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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